

BUREAU OF THE
AMERICAN FREEDMEN'S AID UNION,
130 Nassau-Street.

New-York, June 6th, 1865

Dear Mrs Chapman:

Mr Foster tells me
that his tarry was so short in
Boston & his time so occupied with
writing that he did not get to
see you, and that - till when he
is able to call upon you - he did
not send you his letter. I am
sorry that he could not have

the opportunity of making yr.
acquaintance.

The Nation will start
under the most favorable cir-
cumstances. Now that its establish-
ment is an accomplished fact
my connection with it ceases.
I am here, as president of the
A. F. A. Union, to make the
organization & called together
for its purpose: - which is to
harmonize the actions & pur-

added efficiency to the freedom
and justice. or as I consider it,
to look with hope & see the
right direction to the freedom
and movement.

The function of this
movement - to express it in a
word - is enlightenment. - the
enlightenment of the now educated
blacks (by schools & the like), & of the
uneducated & half-educated white,
- north & south - as in their

dukes to the black M. in Kim
1865

In establishing schools at the
front we are giving to the negro - direct
ly & without waiting for the government
some of the best blessings of freedom; while
we are giving to the public of the North:
"See their public, how worthy they are! how
apt to learn; how susceptible to im-
provement, how in despatch; how to-
tal; how law-abiding; how fitted for ci-
tizenship! Give them their rights! With-
hold no longer than false dues! We preach
our practice; we talk - we work.

- But all this you understand
& there is no need for me to repeat it.

I want your aid, and that of
your fathers and daughters in main-
taining this movement - what it ought
to be. ~~With~~ hold not your counsel.

We must have done with
the business of physical relief. The
war is over & the Bureau is estab-
lished; let the foot hereafter take
charge of the command & material
branches of this ~~and~~ enterprise. To give
the black man education, and to demand
for him all the blessings of freedom must
be our business.

Very truly yours
W. W. C.